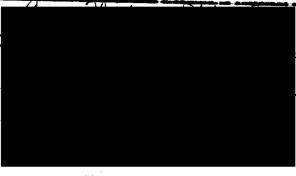
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Nixon Wanted Early Thrust At Cuba, 2 Writers Say

Washington, June 2-Former , Vice President Richard M. Nix on wanted the Bay of Pigs in vasion of Cuba to take place before the Nov. 8, 1960, presidenvial election, two Washnigton newspapermen have reported in the current issue of Look mag-

The authors, David Wise and Thomas B. Ross, said that "one of Nixon's top campaign aides" privately confirmed that Nixon

had expressed such a view.
"He explained," they declared, "that Nixon was hoping
for the invasion before Nov. 8 because 'it would have been a cinch to win' the election if the served the security of the inva-Eisenhower Administration destroyed Fidel Castro in the closing days of the presidential campaign."

Crushed by Castro

The invasion, by Cuban ex-

lies supported through the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, was planned during the Eisenhower Administration but took know exactly how much Kenplace during the tenure of President John F. Kennedy, who defeated Nixon in 1960.

During the campaign, Kennedy publicly proposed that the United States support a rebel-ion in Cuba, while Nixon pretended to oppose it, the writers said.

Nixon subsequently explained in his book, "Six Crises," hat he felt Kennedy had endanion plan after learning of it in n intelligence briefing ar-anged by President Eisenhow-Nixon said he therefore felt bliged to attack a plan he priately supported.

Kennedy had been briefed on

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July 23 and Sept. 19 by Allen W. Dulles, then director of the CIA. Dulles later denied having made the invasion scheme known to Kennedy. Reports Got Out

But the Kennedy forces in the campaign "were receiving persistent and disturbing reports that some kind of Cuban exile operation was in the works," Wise and Ross wrote.

The Nixon forces did not nedy knew of the invasion plan, put "they certainly did not want The invasion was crushed by Cuban Premier Fidel Castro's night be launched by forces. night be launched by a Repub-

ican president," they wrote.
Wise is chief of the Washingon bureau of the New York Jerald Tribune and Ross is a nember of the Washington bueau of the Chicago Sun-Times.